

390BC

WAR with the GAULS

These were a people living beyond the Alps who invaded Italy and the Battle of ALLIA (390BC) completely defeated the Romans, plundering and burning Rome. They besieged the CAPITOL seven months, and then were induced to raise the siege upon receipt of a large sum of

good. The Romans returned and what
their city under CAMILLUS. He
also saved the city from its old
enemies, the VOLSCIANS, AEQVIRANS
etc. who were again expelled. The
city, thinking to maintain it in its
weakened state
Rome gradually increased her
power and also made
a treaty of commerce with CARTHAGE

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Brennus, King of Gauls seized Rome. The
geese woke Marcus Manlius who dislodged
the Gauls from the cliff.

Seeing the city in rubble & nothing to eat
the defenders of the Capitol finally agreed to
buy their salvation from Brennus. The
price was 1000 pounds weight of gold. He
had the gold weighed on crooked scales, and
then threw his sword onto the scales

saying "VAE VICTIS" (we are the vanquished).
Before he could kill the defenders, the enemy appointed
dictator, MARCUS PORCIUS CASSIUS, appeared
in the Forum with an army, and refused
Caesar's terms & took the gold. In the initial
battle through thickets, the Gauls were ousted
from the city. In the end battle, 8 miles out
along the VIA TIBURTINA, CASSIUS slaughtered
the invaders. For this feat (and for his
speech praising the soldiers not to just
come & move to the VEII) CASSIUS was
called the SECOND FOUNDER OF ROMA

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Dionysius in Italy; falls before
Rhegion.

Alliance of Dionysius with
Lucanians.

Rome: Battle of Allia; Gauls
sack Rome.

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A horde of Gauls, who had overrun Etruria, defeated the Roman Army in the battle of ALLIA, twelve miles from the walls, and cut it off from the city. Fortunately, the barbarians squandered 3 days in pillage, and so gave time to come home. The sacred fire was hastily removed; the helpless inhabitants fled; and a small garrison, under the soldier MARCUS MANLIUS, gained the Capitoline

citadel. The Gauls sacked the city and held it seven months,
but were surprised by deadly malaria of the
Roman legion (Baenamp), they had little skill in
patience for regular siege of the citadel. Eventually
the Gauls they accepted the payment of ransom
and withdrew